

FRANCE IS FIRST TO PROVIDE FOR AERIAL MILITIA

War Department Planning for New Branch of Army.

SCHEME APPROVED BY GOVERNMENT

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Paris, August 23.—Not satisfied with increasing the size of our army on a peace footing of 200,000 men, the War Department is now planning to provide France with the first aerial militia in the world. The kernel of this already exists in the form of 200 civilian aviators, who have been formed into a permanent military organization, which, in case of war, will be under the direct control of the Minister of War.

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Slowly the season is approaching when Paris shall once more be inhabited by Parisians, and when we may once more begin to expect things to happen after the long summer dullness. The influx of foreign tourists this year has broken all records, and at various times the number of Americans here has been enormous, probably because the weather in Switzerland and Northern Italy has been exceedingly bad, and the amount of money which our visitors have left here runs into millions of dollars.

Small wonder, therefore, that we are told officially by M. Thierry, the Minister of Public Works, that France is going to make strong efforts to lead an even greater part of the world's tourist traffic into the country and as far as possible prevent it from crossing our borders, visiting France only in transit for Switzerland.

With this object in view a new official tourist department has been opened by the minister, the chief aims of which are, first to assist the owners of country hotels to bring their places up to the American standard and also to give France the finest roads in the world for automobile travel.

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General Savoff of Bulgaria



Sofia, August 23.—There is an expression of widespread regret here that a difference should have arisen between General Savoff, head of the Bulgarian army, and Czar Ferdinand. This great soldier, who is about to be stripped of his command, will undoubtedly go down in history as the foremost military genius of the Balkans. It was he who led King Ferdinand's army to a series of victories unparalleled in the history of the Balkan states. He all but succeeded in driving the Turk from his last lair in Europe, and there are many who think he would have accomplished this if he had not been interfered with.

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Thousands of pictures, including about 200 original paintings, have been prepared. The services of a well-known artist have cost the department \$10,000.

Lecturers are to travel the country extolling the beauties of the empire by the aid of these pictures and paintings.

Several Hundred Thousand Dollars Already Sent to Various Southern Cities.

PLEA ON BEHALF OF OFFICERS MADE BY WAR MINISTER

Wants Merchants to Offer Easy and Well-Paid Positions.

IDEA IS GREETED WITH DERISION

Official Not Expected to Hold Office Long After This Sad Initial Blunder, Which Seriously Displeases Kaiser. Political Events in Austria Closely Watched.

Berlin, August 23.—The German Michel is certainly a very patient and long-suffering person, and so great is his docility that it is not to be wondered that our rulers have come to the conclusion that there is no end to his patience. Our new Minister of War, however, went a little bit too far when he expressed the opinion the other day that German merchants should be proud to offer easy and well-paid positions to army officers whose days of military usefulness had passed, but who could not be expected to live in the style befitting their rank on their pension.

The minister's idea, the only one he has had so far, by the way, since he took up office, has been greeted with derision. Our merchants as a whole find that they contribute even now far more than their share towards the maintenance of the army, and probably no persons are less fit to fill commercial positions than our officers, whose connection with the mercantile world has hitherto been limited to seeking out and marrying the daughters of merchants rich enough to pay their debts.

It is pretty safe to prophesy that our present Minister of War will not continue long in office after this sad initial blunder, which has seriously displeased the Kaiser, because it has placed retired officers before the public as beggars to be saved from the poor-house by the very people whom they are in the habit of insulting every day, and because it has given the press, or at least part of it, a most welcome opportunity to tell the man in the street things of the character and capacities of our military officers.

With evident joy the German military press is announcing that the French military dirigible "Sphinx," which it had been hoped in France would prove itself equal if not superior to the German Zeppelins, is an absolute failure. There is a feeling of general relief in military circles here that France has evidently failed to make full use of the opportunity to discover the secrets of the construction of our Zeppelins, when one of the big dirigibles some months ago made an involuntary descent on French parade grounds.

Events in Austria.
With considerable anxiety German statesmen are watching political events in Austria, our principal ally, for evidently things are not going very well politically in the dual monarchy, whose weakness is chiefly to be sought in the mutual hatred of the many nationalities of which it consists. Barely a week passes without the discovery of a new weak spot in Austrian armor.

The absolute failure of Austria's policy in the Balkan during the recent crisis was generally attributed to the regard which the central government was forced to show the Southern Slavs in the empire, who were in a state of dangerous political ferment. But it now appears that conditions in the northern part of the empire are almost as bad.

The experiment of home rule in Bohemia is proving a complete failure. The province is absolutely bankrupt politically and financially. For five years the Germans in Bohemia have stayed away from the Bohemian Landtag in order to incapacitate it and prevent the Czechs from getting the upper hand. As a result it has been impossible to carry through any laws of taxation, and now the treasury is empty. The whole province has been placed under administration of a commission consisting of five Czechs and three Germans, presided over by a Count Schoenborn, a large landed proprietor of German origin, belonging to the class which in Austria is the most insidious enemy of the German cause.

The only efficient remedy would be to divide the country into two parts, but this, it is safe to predict, Austria will not do under the present veiled form of semi-autocratic government. As long as things are not yet definitely settled in the Balkans and all interest is focused on that direction the domestic misery may be hidden, but in a few months revelations must come which will startle Europe, while they will not surprise German statesmen who have kept an eye on conditions in Austria.

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Several Hundred Thousand Dollars Already Sent to Various Southern Cities.

Washington, August 23.—The government's \$50,000,000 crop-moving fund is being rapidly forwarded to the various cities in which the national banks have complied with the conditions imposed by the Treasury Department. Banks in several Southern cities already have sent their list of securities to the department for approval, and these are being examined as to their acceptability.

While the exact amount of deposits already placed has not been announced at the department, it is understood several hundred thousand dollars has been sent into the larger reserve cities in the South to aid in moving the cotton crops.

The department to-day completed the list of cities in that section where the deposits are to be made. It includes: Birmingham, Mobile and Montgomery, Ala.; Little Rock, Ark.; Jacksonville, Pensacola and Tampa, Fla.; Atlanta, Augusta, Macon and Savannah, Ga.; Lexington and Louisville, Ky.; New Orleans and Shreveport, La.; Jackson, Meridian and Vicksburg, Miss.; Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh and Wilmington, N.C.; Muskogee and Oklahoma City, Okla.; Charleston, Columbia, Greenville and Spartanburg, S.C.; Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis and Nashville, Tenn.; Dallas, Fort

Worth, Galveston, Houston and San Antonio, Texas; Lynchburg, Norfolk, Richmond and Roanoke, Va., and Wheeling, W. Va.

Twenty-eight cities in Central and far Western States also were selected.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 19

Program Being Arranged for Sessions at Fredericksburg State Normal School.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Fredericksburg, Aug. 23.—Professor E. H. Russell, president of the Fredericksburg State Normal School, is arranging for a farmers' institute to be held at the Normal School September 19. The sessions will take place in Russell Hall, but the grounds will be open to the visitors, and it is expected to be an interesting event. T. O. Sandy, State demonstrator, and C. K. Moore, of the agricultural department of the school, will have charge of the program, and among the speakers will be Mr. Sandy and W. C. Shackleford, of Albemarle County, district farm demonstrator. There will also be other speakers. The Normal School will have opened for the session by that time.

Rev. H. H. Barber, D. D., rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, has been granted a vacation. He will visit his son, Jack Barber, and daughter, Mrs. George Brown, in Pittsburgh, Pa., and also expects to spend some time in Canada.

Congressman C. C. Carlin, of the Eighth District, has recommended the appointment of Green Shackleford to be postmaster at Orange, to succeed Mr. Carter, who resigned, to take effect October 1.

The State Normal School at Fredericksburg has greatly enlarged the scope of work in its rural arts department by the addition to the faculty of Prof. K. C. Moore, who also will have charge of demonstration work in the Counties of Spotsylvania and Stafford immediately around Fredericksburg. This arrangement has been perfected by T. O. Sandy, who has charge of demonstration work in Virginia, and President E. H. Russell, of the Normal School.

Prof. Moore is a graduate of Mercer

University, Macon, Ga. He received his course in education at Chicago University and took the course in agriculture at Cornell University. For several sessions he had charge of the department of agriculture in the State Agricultural School at Tifton, Ga., and recently he has had the management of a large farm, known as the Roddenberry Farm, in Southern Georgia. He is a man well equipped by practical experience, as well as theoretical training for all phases of rural cultural work both as a teacher in the school and a demonstrator among farmers.

Mr. Sandy was recently in Fredericksburg in conference with President Russell and Prof. Moore perfecting plans for the work, which will begin September 1.

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